

### **Testimony of Joseph E. Schmitz**

I am a long-time resident and parent in Montgomery County. A vaccine passport in our community would be a hardship that is disruptive, exclusionary, short-sighted, and ineffective.

It will not prevent transmission of the COVID virus, and is not necessary to encourage vaccination in a county that already boasts a 95% vaccination rate.

Accordingly, I urge the Council to vote against the Board of Health Regulation that reportedly would "Require restaurants, bars, fitness centers, and other 'covered establishments and facilities' – in a phased-in approach – to require patrons to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 before entering indoor areas" -- at today's Council Meeting.

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Yours truly,

Joseph E. Schmitz

